

There are a number of interesting pieces of HIPAA information included. Of special interest may be:

- 1) NewsBrief - OCR Releases Guidance on Final Modified Privacy Rule
- 2) CalOHI Information Memorandum 2002-06, Transaction Road Map

As always: Please be sure to note that in some cases the information presented may be the opinion of the original author. We need to be sure to view it in the context of our own organizations and environment. You may need additional information, support, legal opinions and/or decision documentation when interpreting the rules.

My thanks to all the folks who have shared information for this e-news.

Have a great day!!!

Enjoy!!!

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Several items that may be of interest:

HIPAAAlert: NewsBrief - OCR Releases Guidance on Final Modified Privacy Rule

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HIPAA Solutions: Achieving Compliance--Still Time to Register

Article on HIPAA Application Solutions - below and ATTACHMENT

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[hipaalert] HIPAAAlert - Vol. 3, No. 11 - 12/03/02 - ATTACHMENT

***** HIPAAAlert: NewsBrief - OCR Releases *****

***** Guidance on Final Modified Privacy Rule *****

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*** OCR Releases Guidance on Final Modified Privacy Rule ***

December 6, 2002 -- The Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) released guidance this week that clarifies and explains policies and key elements of the requirements of the final modified Privacy Rule. HHS published the Privacy Rule on December 28, 2000, and adopted modifications of the Rule on August 14, 2002.

For a particular segment in the Privacy Rule, the guidance provides a brief explanation of the segment and how the Rule works, followed by "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) about that provision. The guidance does not address all of the relevant provisions in the Rule, although OCR anticipates adding segments in the future as it develops guidance on more Privacy Rule standards. OCR will also be adding to the FAQs on an ongoing basis as new questions arise.

Read more, including the guidance itself:

<http://www.hipaadvisory.com/regs/finalprivacymod/guidance.htm>

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** CalOHI Information Memorandum 2002-06, Transaction Road Map *****

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..... (At CalOHI's Website you will) find CalOHI's Information Memorandum # 2002-06 which transmits a Transaction Road Map to help departments interpret the federal HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets (TCS) rule, and provides step-by-step tasks and resources to help guide you on understanding and implementing the TCS requirements.

Thanks to the Transactions and Code Sets Workgroup for this tremendous product. As always, these documents will be available on the CalOHI website www.ohi.ca.gov

Therese Hart, Chief
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***** HIPAA Solutions: Achieving Compliance--Still Time to Register *****

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There is still time to register for the WEDI Foundation/CHITA training seminar, "HIPAA Solutions: Achieving Compliance," which will be held December 12-13, 2002 in Seattle, Washington.

Nationally known WEDI faculty and healthcare industry experts from the Pacific Northwest will address topics related to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to prepare you and your organization for upcoming deadlines and to provide options and strategies for achieving compliance. The national WEDI faculty include: Steve Lazarus, Boundary Information Group and Chair of the WEDI Board of Directors; Lesley Berkeyheiser, The Clayton Group, LLC and Co-Chair of the WEDI Security and Privacy Workgroup; Doreen Espinoza, Utah Health Information Network; and Joan Boyle, The Trizetto Group and Co-Chair of the WEDI Education Committee and Co-Chair of the WEDI Security and Privacy Policies and Procedures Sub-workgroup. In addition, there will be two panel presentations featuring representatives of Siemens, Claredi and Paladin Data, among other companies.

Join us to learn more about the benefits of HIPAA implementation, privacy and security requirements, developing HIPAA policies and procedures, transaction and code set requirements, compliance timelines, performing a gap analysis, HIPAA solutions, and available resources and tools. In addition to a HIPAA 101 training session, there will be intermediate and advanced level presentations for those organizations moving forward with implementation efforts.

The HIPAA Readiness Forum will feature training focused on documenting implementation efforts, pre-emption, and self-testing vs. third party certification related to transactions and code sets.

In addition to exceptional training opportunities, network with healthcare industry leaders, providers, payers, health plans, standard setting bodies, clearinghouses, business office managers, compliance officers, representatives of government agencies, consultants, and vendors.

The WEDI Foundation and CHITA would like to thank Siemens and Zix Corporation for sponsoring this educational program.

For a complete conference agenda and a registration form, please visit:
<http://www.wedi.org/public/articles/CHITA.pdf>

DRIVING and PARKING DIRECTIONS

Please go to the Washington State Convention & Trade Center web site, www.wsctc.com, and click on "General Info". There you will find a link for driving directions and another for parking locations and rates.

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For additional information and to register for the training seminar, please contact: Anne-Marie Shimozato at 206-224-3950, ext. 10 or ashimozato@qualityhealth.org

For additional information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact: Rikki Epstein, Executive Director of the WEDI Foundation, at 703-391-2717 or repstein@wedi.org

***** Article on HIPAA Application Solutions *****

Subject: Article on HIPAA Application Solutions

This is a good article on what to look for and ask about HIPAA application solutions. This is also a very good website for HIPAA information. Search on HIPAA for other articles.

***** [hipaalive] Taxonomy Codes *****

** HIPAAlive! From Phoenix Health Systems/HIPAAAdvisory.com **

Summarizing what you can read in full at www.wpc-edi.com/codes:

The key components of the Provider Taxonomy Code are organized as:

Provider Type: major grouping of provider services or occupations
(e.g., physician)

Classification Code: more specific sub-grouping of provider services
or occupations (e.g., mental health)

Specialization Area: a code that identifies a provider's
specialization, segment of population that a provider services,
specific medical services provided, specialization
in treating a specific disease, or other descriptive

characteristics. (e.g., substance abuse)

Note: I've made up these Taxonomy examples for illustrative purposes only; the actual codes contained at www.wpc-edi.com/codes are the ones that should be used.

Good hunting.

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